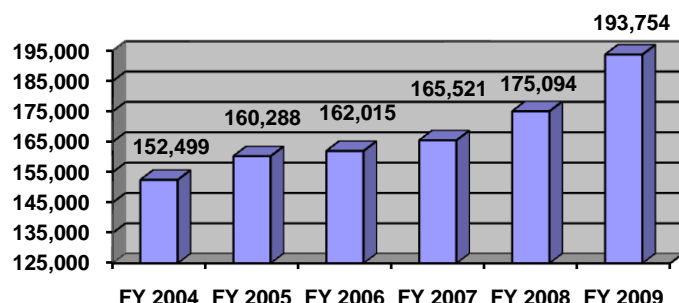




SNAP

Number of Authorized Firms



- As of September 30, 2009, 193,754 firms were authorized to participate in SNAP.
- Over the past six fiscal years, the number of authorized firms has increased 27%.
- In fiscal year 2009, supermarkets and superstores redeemed 85% of all SNAP benefits.

Retailer Administration Activities

SNAP performed the following retailer administration activities in fiscal year 2009:

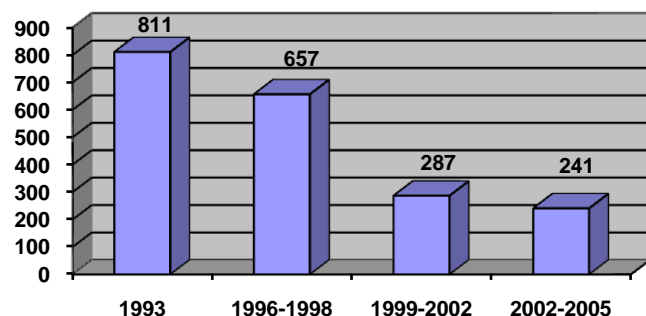
- Approved 35,789 new applicants to participate as an authorized firm.
- Reviewed 21,734 firms to re-authorize their continued eligibility for program participation.
- Conducted 38,782 store visits.
- Withdrew 15,886 firms due to voluntary request, non-redemption, or failure to meet eligibility requirements.

Retailer Compliance Activities

SNAP performed the following retailer compliance activities in fiscal year 2009:

- Initiated compliance actions on 2,132 authorized firms found in violation of program regulations; consisting of 1,437 sanction actions and issuance of 695 warning letters.
- Completed 3,949 undercover investigations of authorized retail grocers to determine compliance with program regulations. Identified positive violations in 1,432 investigations, or 36% of the total completed.
- Completed 484 administrative reviews of Agency administrative actions appealed by aggrieved firms. FNS determined that 72% of all appeals were sustained, 5% were reversed or modified, and 23% were moot.¹

Amount of SNAP Benefits Trafficked (Annualized, dollars in millions)



- Trafficking is the exchange of SNAP benefits for cash and represents the most serious program violation. FNS Office of Research Analysis conducted the first estimate of the amount of benefits trafficked in 1993.
- Based on available studies, the rate of SNAP trafficking has decreased 70% since 1993, approximately 1 cent per dollar issued, while the number of program participants and benefits issued has increased.

¹ Of the 110 cases closed as moot, 49 of them were untimely review requests, while the balance were either withdrawn by Appellants, withdrawn by Field Offices, or closed as a result of Appellants' failure to provide a sufficient basis for review.